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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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SIR:

The "Statement of Reasons for Allowance" included on pages 2 and 3 of the Notice of Allowability dated November 19, 2009 characterizes the invention in terms of a step which is not present in all method claims. Therefore, the "Statement" mischaracterizes the invention in unduly narrow terms inconsistent with the actual claim language. Specifically, in lines 1 and 2 on page 3 of the Notice, the examiner states "that each successive one of the turning paths on the front side of the boundary extends further in a direction opposite to the conveying direction. . . ." However, the limitation "the front side of" is not recited in claim 1, but rather appears only in independent method claim 8. Accordingly, the "Statement" is limited to claims 8, 10 and 11 which cover the second method and does not relate to method claims 1-7 and 9.

Respectfully Submitted,

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